

## CHAPTER NO. 259

## SENATE BILL NO. 533

By Ford

Substituted for: House Bill No. 268

By Shepard, Todd, Henri Brooks, Cooper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-123, relative to certified nurse practitioners.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-123(b)(3), is amended by deleting that subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(b)(3) Any prescription written and signed or drug issued by a nurse practitioner under the supervision and control of a supervising physician shall be deemed to be that of the nurse practitioner. Every prescription issued by a nurse practitioner pursuant to this section shall be entered in the medical records of the patient and shall be written on a preprinted prescription pad bearing the name, address, and telephone number of the supervising physician and of the nurse practitioner, and the nurse practitioner shall sign each prescription so written. Where the preprinted prescription pad contains the names of more than one (1) physician, the nurse practitioner shall indicate on the prescription which of those physicians is the nurse practitioner's primary supervising physician by placing a checkmark beside or a circle around the name of that physician.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2003, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 21, 2003**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 2003**

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR